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RECORD 53 STAKES WORTH \$20.37 MILLION TO BE STAGED AT CHURCHILL DOWNS THIS SPRING, SUMMER

Arlington Million Among Nine Arlington Park Stakes to be Staged at Churchill Downs; Special Stand-Alone Arlington Million Day Card to be Held Saturday, Aug. 13

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Tuesday, March 15, 2022) – Led by the \$3 million Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve (Grade I) on Saturday, May 7, a record 53 stakes races that total \$20.37 million will be staged at Churchill Downs Racetrack this spring and summer.

In addition to the 44-day Spring Meet that runs April 30-July 4, Churchill Downs will host a special one-day **Arlington Million Day** program on Saturday, Aug. 13, thanks to cooperation from Ellis Park, the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and Kentucky horsemen.

Overall, Churchill Downs will host nine stakes races that were previously run at Arlington Park.

Arlington Million Day on Aug. 13 will feature four stakes cumulatively worth \$2 million: the **\$1 million Arlington Million (GI)**; **\$500,000 Beverly D. (GI)**; **\$300,000 Secretariat (GII)**; and **\$200,000 Pucker Up (GIII)**.

The other Arlington Park races to be staged at Churchill Downs during the Spring Meet are the **\$250,000 Modesty (GIII)**; **\$200,000 Arlington (GIII)**; **\$200,000 Chicago (GIII)**; **\$200,000 American Derby (Listed)**; and **\$175,000 Hanshin presented by JRA (Listed)**.

The record-breaking \$20.37 spring/summer lineup features 15 new races and significant purse boosts for 41 of the 53 stakes events. The track's previous record was last year's Spring Meet, which offered \$13.44 million over 40 stakes races.

Derby Week (April 30-May 7) kicks off the nine-week 148th Spring Meet with 22 stakes that total a record \$12.2 million over the six-day stretch that culminates with the highlight of the annual racing calendar – the 148th running of the Kentucky Derby (GI) for 3-year-olds at 1 ¼ miles.

Eight of the 14 races on Kentucky Derby Day are stakes that total \$7.16 million. In addition to the Derby, the first Saturday in May will showcase the **\$1 million Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic (GI)**; **\$750,000 Churchill Downs presented by Ford (GI)**; **\$750,000 Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery (GI)**; **\$500,000 Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU (GII)**; **\$500,000 American Turf (GII)**; **\$160,000 Knicks Go Overnight Stakes**.

One day earlier, Churchill Downs will host the **\$1.25 million Longines Kentucky Oaks (GI)** at 1 1/8 miles – the nation's most lucrative race for 3-year-old fillies. The seven stakes that day total \$4.25 million: the Oaks; **\$750,000 La Troienne (GI)**; **\$500,000 Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet (GII)**; **\$500,000 Eight Belles (GII)**; **\$500,000 Edgewood presented by Forcht Bank (GII)**; **\$500,000 Twin Spires Turf Sprint presented by Sysco (GII)**; and **\$250,000 Modesty (GIII)**.

Derby Week stakes action that precedes Oaks and Derby days includes the **\$160,000 Roxelana Overnight Stakes** on Opening Night, Saturday, April 30; **\$160,000 Isaac Murphy Marathon Overnight Stakes** on Champions Day, Tuesday, May 3; **\$200,000 William Walker (Listed)** and **\$160,000 St. Matthews Overnight Stakes** on Wednesday, May 4; and **\$200,000 Unbridled Sidney**, **\$200,000 Kentucky Juvenile** and **\$160,000 Opening Verse Overnight Stakes (Listed)** on Thurby, Thursday, May 5.

Stephen Foster Preview Day is Saturday, June 4 with six stakes that total \$1.2 million: the **\$200,000 Regret (GIII)**; **\$200,000 Arlington (GIII)**; **\$200,000 Aristides (Listed)**; **\$200,000 Blame (Listed)**; **\$200,000 Shawnee (Listed)**; and **\$200,000 Audubon**.

The **\$750,000 Stephen Foster (GII)**, which annually attracts some of the nation's top older horses, is the centerpiece of an action-packed closing weekend. The 1 1/8-mile race anchors an eight-race stakes bonanza that totals \$2.33 million on Saturday, July 2, and includes the **\$350,000 Fleur de Lis (GII)**; **\$350,000 Wise Dan (GII)**; **\$200,000 American Derby (Listed)**; **\$200,000 Tepin**; **\$160,000 Kelly's Landing Overnight Stakes (Listed)**; **\$160,000 Anchorage Overnight Stakes**; and **\$160,000 Maxfield Overnight Stakes**.

The first condition book of scheduled races features \$120,000 maiden races throughout the Spring Meet. Additionally, there will be a \$250 bonus awarded to trainers whose starters finish fourth through last in all non-stakes races.

Grass racing will return to Churchill Downs for the 2022 Spring Meet over the recently-renovated turf course, which is Tahoma 31 Bermudagrass overseeded with ryegrass.

The Churchill Downs stable area reopens Tuesday, March 22. The first day of training on the track is Friday, March 25.

2022 CHURCHILL DOWNS SPRING MEET STAKES SCHEDULE

Date	Running	Grade	Purse	Race	Conditions	Distance	Surface
Saturday, April 30	12 th		\$160,000	Roxelana Overnight Stakes	4&cup, f&m	6 F	Dirt
Tuesday, May 3	4 th		\$160,000	Isaac Murphy Marathon Overnight Stakes	4&cup	1 ½ M	Dirt
Wednesday, May 4	7 th	Listed	\$200,000	William Walker	3yo	5 ½ F	Turf
Wednesday, May 4	1 st		\$160,000	St. Matthews Overnight Stakes	4&cup	6 F	Dirt
Thursday, May 5	12 th		\$200,000	Unbridled Sidney	3&cup, f&m	5 ½ F	Turf
Thursday, May 5	28 th		\$200,000	Kentucky Juvenile	2yo	5 F	Dirt
Thursday, May 5	17 th	Listed	\$160,000	Opening Verse Overnight Stakes	4&cup	1 M	Turf
Friday, May 6	148 th	I	\$1,250,000	Longines Kentucky Oaks	3yo f	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Friday, May 6	37 th	I	\$750,000	La Troienne	4&cup, f&m	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Friday, May 6	19 th	II	\$500,000	Alysheba presented by Sentient Jet	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Friday, May 6	67 th	II	\$500,000	Eight Belles	3yo f	7 F	Dirt
Friday, May 6	38 th	II	\$500,000	Edgewood presented by Forcht Bank	3yo f	1 1/16 M	Turf
Friday, May 6	28 th	II	\$500,000	Twin Spires Turf Sprint presented by Sysco	3&cup	5 ½ F	Turf
Friday, May 6	38 th	III	\$250,000	Modesty	4&cup, f&m	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, May 7	148 th	I	\$3,000,000	Kentucky Derby presented by Woodford Reserve	3yo	1 ¼ M	Dirt
Saturday, May 7	36 th	I	\$1,000,000	Old Forester Bourbon Turf Classic	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, May 7	87 th	I	\$750,000	Churchill Downs presented by Ford	4&cup	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 7	36 th	I	\$750,000	Derby City Distaff presented by Kendall-Jackson Winery	4&cup, f&m	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, May 7	37 th	II	\$500,000	Longines Churchill Distaff Turf Mile	4&cup, f&m	1 M	Turf
Saturday, May 7	98 th	II	\$500,000	Pat Day Mile presented by LG&E and KU	3yo	1 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 7	31 st	II	\$500,000	American Turf	3yo	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, May 7	1 st		\$160,000	Knicks Go Overnight Stakes	4&cup	1 M	Dirt
Saturday, May 14	3 rd	Listed	\$160,000	Mamzelle Overnight Stakes	3yo f	5 F	Turf
Saturday, May 21	85 th	III	\$200,000	Louisville	4&cup	1 ½ M	Turf
Saturday, May 28	9 th		\$160,000	Keertana Overnight Stakes	4&cup, f&m	1 ½ M	Turf
Monday, May 30	19 th	III	\$200,000	Winning Colors	4&cup, f&m	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 4	53 rd	III	\$200,000	Regret	3yo f	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, June 4	86 th	III	\$200,000	Arlington	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, June 4	34 th	Listed	\$200,000	Aristides	4&cup	6 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 4	3 rd	Listed	\$200,000	Blame	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 4	3 rd	Listed	\$200,000	Shawnee	4&cup, f&m	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 4	3 rd		\$200,000	Audubon	3yo	1 1/8 M	Turf
Sunday, June 5	46 th	III	\$200,000	Old Forester Mint Julep	4&cup, f&m	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, June 11	6 th	Listed	\$160,000	Mighty Beau Overnight Stakes	3&cup	5 F	Turf
Sunday, June 12	25 th	III	\$225,000	Matt Winn	3yo	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Sunday, June 12	1 st		\$160,000	Leslie's Lady Overnight Stakes	3yo f	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, June 18	1 st		\$160,000	Monomoy Girl Overnight Stakes	3yo f	1 1/16 M	Dirt
Saturday, June 25	32 nd	III	\$200,000	Chicago	4&cup, f&m	7 F	Dirt
Saturday, July 2	41 st	II	\$750,000	Stephen Foster	4&cup	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, July 2	47 th	II	\$350,000	Fleur de Lis	4&cup, f&m	1 1/8 M	Dirt
Saturday, July 2	33 rd	II	\$350,000	Wise Dan	4&cup	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, July 2	107 th	Listed	\$200,000	American Derby	3yo	1 1/16 M	Turf
Saturday, July 2	3 rd		\$200,000	Tepin	3yo f	1 M	Turf
Saturday, July 2	12 th	Listed	\$160,000	Kelly's Landing Overnight Stakes	3&cup	6 ½ F	Dirt
Saturday, July 2	1 st		\$160,000	Anchorage Overnight Stakes	4&cup, f&m	1 M	Turf
Saturday, July 2	1 st		\$160,000	Maxfield Overnight Stakes	3yo	7 F	Dirt
Sunday, July 3	40 th	Listed	\$175,000	Hanshin presented by JRA	4&cup	1 M	Dirt
Monday, July 4	121 st	Listed	\$175,000	Bashford Manor	2yo	6 F	Dirt
Monday, July 4	121 st	Listed	\$175,000	Debutante	2yo f	6 F	Dirt

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ARLINGTON MILLION DAY ON SATURDAY, AUG. 13

Date	Running	Grade	Purse	Race	Conditions	Distance	Surface
Saturday, Aug. 13	39 th	I	\$1,000,000	Arlington Million	3&cup	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, Aug. 13	32 nd	I	\$500,000	Beverly D.	3&cup, f&m	1 1/8 M	Turf
Saturday, Aug. 13	45 th	II	\$300,000	Secretariat	3yo	1 M	Turf
Saturday, Aug. 13	58 th	III	\$200,000	Pucker Up	3yo f	1 1/8 M	Turf

ABOUT CHURCHILL DOWNS RACETRACK

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